

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: HIDEKI YOSHIOKA ET AL

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SERIAL NO: NEW DIVISIONAL APPLICATION

EXAMINER:

FILED: HEREWITH

FOR: ULTRASONIC PICTURE PROCESSING METHOD AND ULTRASONIC PICTURE PROCESSING...

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number, filed, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number , filed , is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	8-253188	September 25, 1996
Japan	8-254498	September 26, 1996
Japan	8-254603	September 26, 1996
Japan	8-254604	September 26, 1996

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

are submitted herewith

will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

were filed in prior application Serial No. 08/937,007, filed September 24, 1997.

were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number . Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.

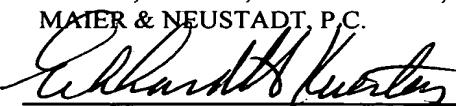
(A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

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